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**H.R. 1119—FY 1998 Defense Authorization Act**



## **H.R. 1119—FY 1998 Defense Authorization Act**

**Floor Situation:** The House will consider H.R. 1119 as its only order of business today. Yesterday, the Rules Committee granted a modified closed rule that provides for two hours of general debate, equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the National Security Committee. The rule waives all points of order against the bill and its consideration. It makes in order a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute as base text. The rule makes in order only those amendments listed below, to be debated in the order listed and for the amount of time specified. The rule provides an extra 60 minutes of debate on two amendments regarding U.S. troops in Bosnia, equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the National Security Committee. It authorizes the chairman of the National Security Committee to offer amendments *en bloc*, which shall be debatable for 20 minutes. It allows the chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration and reduce the voting time to five minutes for a postponed vote, so long as it follows a regular 15-minute vote. The rule also allows the chairman of the Committee of the Whole to recognize amendments out of order, so long as the sponsor makes such a request at least one hour beforehand. Finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit, with or without instructions.

**Summary:** H.R. 1119 authorizes \$268.2 billion in new budget authority and \$266 billion in outlays for the Department of Defense (DOD). The bill reflects spending levels equal to those contained in the balanced budget agreement (H.Con.Res. 84). This amount represents a budget authority increase of approximately \$2.6 billion over the president's request and approximately \$2.2 billion over last year's authorization levels. Under the balanced budget agreement, H.R. 1119 projects \$6.6 billion more in outlays for FY 1998 than the administration had projected and \$3.0 billion more than Congress had projected last year.

Overall, the bill authorizes \$69.5 billion (\$66 million more than the president's request) for military personnel, \$95.1 billion (\$589 million less than the president's request) for operations and maintenance and working capital funds, \$46.3 billion (\$3.7 million more than the president's request) for weapons procurement, \$37.3 billion (\$1.3 billion more than the president's request) for research and development, \$9.1 billion (\$750 million more than the president's request) for military construction and family housing, and \$11 billion (\$2.6 billion less than the president's request) for the defense related programs of the Department of Energy. CBO estimates that enactment will result in outlays of \$267 billion in FY 1998, \$91.2 billion in FY 1999, \$36 billion in FY 2000, \$15.5 billion in FY 2001, and \$6.7 billion in FY 2002. The bill affects direct spending, so pay-as-you-go procedures do apply. The bill was introduced by Mr. Spence and Mr. Dellums and was reported by the National Security Committee by a vote of 51-3 on June 11, 1997.

**Views (on the overall bill):**

**Republican Leadership:** Supports

**Chairman Spence:** Supports

**Clinton Administration:** No Position Available

**Amendments:** As stated above, the rule makes in order only those amendments listed below, debatable for the amount of time specified. All amendments in Part B are debatable for 10 minutes, equally divided between a proponent and an opponent.

***Part A Amendments***

**Mr. Sanders** may offer an amendment, debatable for 30 minutes, to reduce the total amount authorized in each section of the bill by five percent for both FY 1998 and FY 1999. The member argues that the reduction in spending will reflect more reasonable spending in the post-Cold War era. **Staff Contact:** *Bill Goold, x5-4115*

**Mr. Spence and Mr. Dellums** may offer a manager's amendment, debatable for 60 minutes, which includes most of the text of H.R. 1778, the Defense Reform Act, which makes reforms in defense personnel, business practices, and other miscellaneous defense contracts (it does *not* include any reforms of federal toxic waste cleanup programs, which have been removed from the amendment). Specifically, the amendment (1) reduces personnel in management headquarters and headquarters support by 13,000 (a reduction of approximately 25 percent) by October 1, 2001, beginning with a 10 percent reduction in fiscal year 1998, (2) reduces the acquisition workforce by 42 percent by October 1, 2001, a reduction of 124,000 over five years (all positions associated with depot maintenance facilities would be exempted from this requirement), (3) makes payments available for defense acquisition personnel who separate from DOD in FY 1998 as a result of the reductions mandated by acquisitions workforce reductions, and (4) requires the Secretary of Defense to reduce administrative duplication and inefficiencies in the U.S. Transportation Command (USTRANSCOM) through the elimination of 1,000 administrative positions across USTRANSCOM components in addition to the reductions identified in the FY 1998 budget request.

The amendment includes other reform initiatives, including requiring the Secretary of Defense to:

- \* study the competitive procurement of all of the Defense Information System Agency's unclassified, non-inherently governmental commercial activities and begin procuring DISA services through the private sector starting October 1, 1999;

- \* contract for ophthalmic services related to providing military members with single vision and multi-vision eyewear, except those services needed to meet readiness requirements or those that can be accomplished more cost-effectively by the DOD;
- \* collect information on all outsourced activities for five years after a contract is awarded and create a permanent storage site for the data; and
- \* competitively procure and install a dedicated fiber-optics-based network telecommunication service at a minimum of one high military locale.

Finally the amendment:

- \* directs the Defense Automation and Printing Service (DAPS) to competitively procure at least 70 percent of its printing and duplication work from private sector sources;
- \* requires the DOD inventory control points (ICPs) to reduce their overhead costs to no more than eight percent of net sales by the end of FY 2000 (the current costs of overhead within the DOD ICPs is significantly greater than the private sector);
- \* authorizes the secretary of a military department to convey base utility systems to municipal, private, regional, district, or cooperative utility companies to operate and maintain on behalf of the military department if it is financially sound to do so;
- \* removes restrictions placed on the Secretary of Defense that impede his ability to enter into contracts for long-term charters of ships built in the U.S. to meet DOD auxiliary fleet requirements;
- \* expands the list of items that the DOD may pay in advance from available appropriated funds to include utility services;
- \* repeals current law provisions requiring DOD to obtain contractor guarantees as part of all major weapons systems contracts; and
- \* establishes an independent nine member commission to examine the missions, functions, and responsibilities of DOD's components in order to develop recommendations for DOD to reorganize and restructure itself. *Staff Contact: Andrea Aquino, x5-5050*

**Mr. Spence and Mr. Dellums** may offer an amendment, debatable for 40 minutes, to require that any export or re-export of U.S. supercomputers with a computing capability in excess in excess of 2,000 million theoretical operations per second (MTOPS) to countries which may violate non-proliferation agreements receive the prior written approval of the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of State, and the director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. The amendment requires that the secretaries and the director submit a written response from the above named officials to an application for export approval within 10

days after the application is received. If any of these officials decline to approve the export, it may only be exported or re-exported according to established licensing requirements.

The amendment also requires the president to submit to Congress a report on all U.S. supercomputer exports above 2,000 MTOPS to all countries since January 25, 1996. The report must contain information on the exporter, recipient country, capability of the computer, end user, and intended end use. The amendment requires that the report include the conduct of post-shipment verifications for each supercomputer above 2,000 MTOPS that is exported from the U.S. to countries of proliferation concern. Finally the amendment requires submission of an annual report to Congress on the results of the port-shipment verification conducted during the previous year.

In January 1996, the Clinton administration began requiring licenses for the sale of supercomputers capable of 2,000 MTOPS to foreign entities involved in nuclear-weapons work. However, several corporations such as Silicon Graphics Inc., are under investigation by the Commerce Department for selling supercomputers to Russian nuclear-weapons labs without a required export license. In June 1996, Silicon Graphics Inc. sold two supercomputers to China's Academy of Sciences, which also conducts research into nuclear missiles. The Silicon Graphics model sold to the Chinese is capable of six billion theoretical operations per second – twice as powerful as the model sold to the Russians. According to a statement on the Beijing academy's Internet Web site, the computers will be used as a “backbone” for use by “hundred of institutes” of the Chinese academy. *Staff Contact: David Trachtenberg, x6-0532*

**Ms. Harman** may offer an amendment, debatable for 40 minutes, to strike current law provisions that ban servicemembers or their dependents from obtaining abortions in U.S. military facilities abroad—even if paid for with private funds—except when necessary to save the life of the mother or in cases of rape or incest. If the ban is overturned, the law will revert to previous administration policy, which allowed abortions at military installations overseas so long as (1) they were privately funded, (2) the laws of the host nation were adhered to, and (3) military doctors were not required to perform abortions if it violated their values. *Staff Contact: Danny Geffen, x5-8220*

**Messrs. Shays, Frank, Gephardt, and Dellums** may offer an amendment, debatable for 30 minutes, to require the president to seek additional “burden sharing” contributions from U.S. allies for American military forces permanently stationed on their territory. The amendment authorizes the president to induce such contributions through such measures as (1) reducing U.S. troops abroad; (2) imposing taxes or fees similar to those imposed on U.S. forces stationed in foreign nations; and (3) reducing through rescission, impoundments, or line-item veto, the amount the U.S. contributes to the NATO budget or other bilateral accounts. This is very similar to an amendment passed as part of last year's DOD authorization. *Staff Contacts: Len Wolfson (Shays), x5-5541; or Michael Treisman (Frank), x 5-5931*

**Mr. Luther** may offer an amendment, debatable for 30 minutes, to terminate production of the Trident D-5 submarine-launched ballistic missile (SLBM). Currently, the DOD operates 10 Trident D-5 nuclear submarines, in addition to 8 older versions (Trident C-4). Though each sub can only carry 24 SLBMs, the Navy has an inventory of over 300 SLBMs. In addition, the Navy has requested funds for 84 new SLBMs over the next five years. The member believes that the supply of SLBMs is sufficient to meet the nation's security needs and terminating production will save the tax payer \$5 billion over the next ten years. *Staff Contact: Steve Heure, x5-2271*

**Messrs. Dellums, Kasich, and Foley** may offer an amendment, debatable for 60 minutes, to eliminate \$331.2 million from the B-2 stealth bomber program. The amendment also prohibits other funds from being used for advanced procurement or production line expenses for more aircraft beyond the 21 aircraft previously authorized. *Staff Contacts: Doug Necessary (Dellums), x5-6703 or Mike Lofgren (Kasich), x5-7270*

**Mr. Buyer** may offer an amendment, debatable for 20 minutes, to compel the administration to honor its commitment to withdraw ground elements of the U.S. Armed Forces in the Republics of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Under the amendment, no DOD appropriated funds may be obligated towards the deployment of U.S. troops after June 30, 1998, barring any special presidential request or congressional action. Since December 1996, almost 20,000 U.S. military personnel have participated in the United Nation's peacekeeping mission in Bosnia. Incremental costs for the U.S., according to DOD estimates, have exceeded \$6.5 billion. Although U.S. troops have been part of a multi-national force, critics argue that the U.S. has born a disproportionate share of the financial costs. President Clinton recently proposed June 30, 1998, as the date for ending the current mission. This amendment essentially codifies the president's proposal. *Staff Contact: Jim Lariviere, x5-5037*

**Mr. Hilleary** may offer an amendment, debatable for 20 minutes, to prohibit DOD funds from being allocated or expended for ground deployment of U.S. troops in Bosnia after December 31, 1997. The amendment also prohibits DOD funds from being used to conduct law enforcement or other activities by U.S. troops that would have the effect of jeopardizing the primary mission or increasing the risk of the safety of the troops. Under the proposed amendment, both a presidential request and the approval of the request by a joint resolution are necessary for the appropriation limitations to be lifted. The amendment additionally requires a report from the administration by October 1, 1997, which addresses the role of the U.S. in preparing its European allies to assume control over the peacekeeping mission in Bosnia, as well as provide an update on the goals of the Stabilization Force, possible risks to the safety of U.S. troops, and the planned U.S. exit strategy. *Staff Contact: Bob Irvin, x5-6831*

**Mr. Gilman** may offer an amendment, debatable for 60 minutes, to require military commanders to report and initiate searches for missing personnel members within 48 hours, instead of the current 10 days, unless prevented by combat conditions. The amendment also stipulates that if a body is recovered that could not be identified by visual means, it should receive certification by a credible forensic authority. Finally, the amendment establishes personnel files for any Korean War cases of unaccounted personnel. *Staff Contact: Todd Burger, x5-4315*

**Mr. Buyer and Mr. Kennedy (RI)** may offer an amendment, debatable for 60 minutes, to provide for a series of initiatives to improve the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans' affairs investigation of Persian Gulf illnesses, and the treatment of ill Gulf War veterans. Specifically, the amendment (1) authorizes \$4.5 million to establish a cooperative DOD/VA program of clinical trials to evaluate treatments which might relieve the symptoms of Gulf War illnesses; (2) requires the secretaries of both departments to develop a comprehensive plan for providing health care to all veterans, active-duty members and reserves who suffer from symptoms of Gulf War illnesses. Though often referred to as Persian Gulf Syndrome, experts who have examined the available medical data do not believe that veterans are suffering from a single illness. Instead, experts hypothesize that veterans are suffering from a variety of illnesses, the cause or causes of which are yet known. The Presidential Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses made

extensive recommendations on additional actions which could be taken to improve the government's response to these veterans. The administration recently announced that it was considering regulatory changes to liberalize eligibility for disability compensation for Persian Gulf War veterans who suffer from an undiagnosed illness. *Staff Contact: Jim Lariviere, x5-5037*

### ***Part B Amendments***

**Mr. Bachus** may offer an amendment to deny military funeral benefits to any person who (1) has been convicted of a state or federal crime where death is a possible punishment or (2) sentenced to imprisonment without parole. On June 5, 1997, Henry Francis Hays was executed for murdering a Mobile Alabama teenager. Mr. Hays, a member of the Ku Klux Klan, lynched the young man for no apparent reason other than the color of his skin. Because Mr. Hays served briefly in the Army in the early 1970s, he was accorded a military funeral complete with an honor guard, a 12-gun salute and a flag-draped coffin. Several members of the armed forces have expressed their concern at the possibility of having to serve on an honor guard for a man like Mr. Hays. *Staff Contact: Shane Gill, x5-4921*

**Mr. Barret** may offer an amendment to require the Secretary of Defense to conduct an industrial assessment study of the domestic capacitor and resistor industries to determine their importance to the national defense and the defense industrial mobilization base, as well as determine if they are in danger of being critically weakened due to removal of tariffs on imports under the Information Technology Agreement. *Staff Contact: Mark Whitacre, x5-6435*

**Mr. Bartlett** may offer an amendment to strike section 217 of the bill, which concerned placement of IDECM on the F/A-18 C/D, but which is no longer applicable. *Staff Contact: Scott Plecs, x5-2721*

**Mr. Bereuter** may offer an amendment to express the sense of the House that the U.S. should maintain approximately 100,000 U.S. military personnel in the Asia and Pacific region until such time as there is a peaceful and permanent resolution to the major security and political conflicts in the region. *Staff Contact: Mike Ennis, x6-7825*

**Mr. Brady** may offer an amendment to prevent American troops from being used to perform environmental activities on foreign lands. Proponents argue that highly trained soldiers may be subject to participate in "environmental crusades" throughout Latin America and the Caribbean to defend the rain forests and endangered species. At a time of significant military downsizing, U.S. armed forces should serve to protect and defend national security threats and not engage in environmental quests in foreign countries. *Staff Contact: Barry Brown, x5-4901*

**Mr. Buyer** may offer an amendment to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to pay a bonus to current or former active duty members of the Coast Guard. Currently, such bonuses are authorized to be paid only to current or former active duty members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps. *Staff Contact: Jim Lariviere, x5-5037*

**Mr. Coburn** may offer an amendment to prevent any funds authorized by the bill from being used to support the United States Man and the Biosphere Program (USMAB), a program administered by the State Department which works in cooperation with the United Nations Educational, Scien-

tific, and Cultural Organizations (UNESCO) to establish biosphere reserves. Although Congress has never authorized USMAB and withdrew from membership in UNESCO in 1984, the Air Force contributed \$50,000 to USMAB in FY 1996. No figures are yet available for FY 1997. **Staff Contact: Matt Rader, x5-2701**

**Mr. Everett** may offer an amendment to endorse the Army's Early Production & Fielding (EPAP) initiative which places the Comanche T800/801 engine in National Guard Huey (UH-1) helicopters. Development of the engine should prove more cost effective as well as result in greater range, payload, and performance over the current Huey engine. The amendment does not authorize funding, but simply states congressional support for the Army's endeavors in developing the Comanche. **Staff Contact: Wade Heck, x5-2901**

**Mr. Faleomavaega** may offer an amendment to clarify the eligibility of U.S. nationals (legal residents who have not yet obtained citizenship) for participation in the Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC). The amendment calls for a comprehensive report from the Secretary of Defense to Congress, assessing the performance records of U.S. nationals participating in ROTC programs. The secretary's recommendations would then help determine whether or not United States nationals should be eligible to participate in ROTC and form the basis for future legislation pertaining to their involvement. **Staff Contact: Enere Lebi, x5-8577**

**Mr. Farr** may offer an amendment to extend the authorization of two weapon ranges for Camp Roberts, California, for one year. **Staff Contact: Matt Green, x5-2861**

**Ms. Fowler** may offer an amendment to expand the scope of the report that the Secretary of Defense must, under the bill, provide to Congress concerning military developments in the People's Republic of China. Specifically, the amendment requires the secretary to address the additional areas of nuclear weapons development, electronic warfare, certain telecommunications technologies, advanced aerospace technologies with military applications, and anti-submarine warfare technologies. It also requires the secretary to assess the implications of the sale of United States and other foreign products to China, determining their role in China's military development and any potential threats this may pose to the U.S.'s strategic interests. **Staff Contact: Bill Klein, x5-2501**

**Mr. Fox** may offer an amendment to require that the POW/MIA flag be flown at all Departments of Veterans Affairs medical centers on every day that the flag of the United States is flown in order to demonstrate the nation's respect for these honored veterans. **Staff Contact: David Lintgen, x5-6111**

**Mr. Fox** may offer an amendment to award reservist veterans of the Persian Gulf War (those not deployed in aircraft support of Operation Desert Storm) with Veterans Employment Preference points. **Staff Contact: David Lintgen, x5-6111**

**Mr. Frank** may offer an amendment to prohibit additional stationing of U.S. forces in Europe as a consequence of NATO expansion. Proponents of the amendment argue that legislation such as The European Security Act (H.R. 1758), which passed the House last week, calls for the significant expansion of NATO without addressing the burdensharing issue. Passing such legislation amounts to implicit ratification of the financial status quo. Supporters additionally argue that we shouldn't expand NATO without addressing the amount of funding other European nations contribute for

their defense. This sentiment was reflected in the last Congress when the House strongly supported an amendment to the National Security Authorization bill calling on the Clinton Administration to increase efforts to get European allies to contribute to the common defense on Western Europe. *Staff Contact: Michael Treisman , x5-5931*

**Mr. Frelinghuysen** may offer an amendment to require that “single hull” tankers may not alter their gross tonnage weight from that listed on their tonnage certificates as of July 1, 1997. Current law calls for a phase-out of single hull tankers, based on their age and weight, from operation in U.S. waters in order to make room for the more environmentally safe double-hulled tankers. In order to circumvent these requirements, however, some vessel owners have had their ships remeasured to exclude certain spaces originally included in the vessels’ existing measurements. This amendment would make it impossible for a vessel to evade its scheduled phase-out date. *Staff Contact: Ed Kresnik, x3-8745*

**Mr. Gallegly** may offer an amendment to require the secretaries of Agriculture and Defense to report to Congress within six months on the feasibility of transferring ownership of the Modular Airborne Fire Fighting (MAFF) units from the Department of Agriculture to the DOD. Although MAFFS are firefighting equipment currently owned by the U.S. Forest Service, they are used exclusively on C-130 transports owned by the Air Force Reserve and the Air National Guard. Transferral of ownership would simplify managerial questions and chains of authority, as well as prove more cost effective. *Staff Contact: Don Gilchrest, x5-5811*

**Mr. Gekas** may offer an amendment to authorize an additional \$6.2 million to extend an FY 1995 project authorization which has run into unexpected delays. The project is the first phase of a multi-phase endeavor to improve the infrastructure of Fort Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania, and make it a viable training sight. *Staff Contact: Alan Cagnoli, x5-4315*

**Mr. Hall (OH)** may offer an amendment to authorize the Secretary of Energy to issue guidelines for the sale or lease of the property of the Department of Energy. The plan also requires that the secretary consult with local community organizations when determining plans for reuse of the property and exempts transferees from all liability for any personal injury or property damage that may occur as a result of any authenticated, dangerous activity on the part of the Department of Energy. *Staff Contact: Michael Gessel, x5-6465*

**Mr. Hastert** may offer an amendment to require the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy to report to Congress on the development of narcotics detection technologies by federal agencies in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Secretary of Transportation. Currently, much of the funding for the development of such technology originates from the Defense Department. *Staff Contact: Chris Marsten, x5-2577*

**Mr. Hastings (WA)** may offer an amendment to strengthen the existing bill provisions for the Department of Energy by making a number of the environmental cleanup program management provisions mandatory, instead of voluntary. Last year’s defense authorization bill included provisions encouraging the DOE to reform its management of environmental cleanup, but certain sites have continued to be problematic for department management. *Staff Contact: John Devaney or Doug Riggs, x5-5816*



**Mr. Hastings (WA)** may offer an amendment to extend temporarily the Workforce Transition Programs and allow the Secretary of Energy to provide \$44 million in additional funding for the program. Although several DOE sites have experienced dramatic downsizing over the past three years, the Defense Committee recently reduced transition funding from \$70 million to \$22 million. The amendment temporarily extends funding for the programs and authorizes the department to contract with a private auditing firm to examine the impact of the workforce transition program on the targeted communities. It also allows the secretary to use excess money from existing pension funds to fund the program's temporary extension, but limits spending to \$66 million instead of the administration's requested \$70 million. *Staff Contact: John Devaney or Doug Riggs, x5-5816*

**Messrs. Hefley, McInnis, and Skaggs** may offer an amendment to transfer jurisdiction of the Naval Oil Shale Reserves (No. 1 and 3) from the Department of Energy to the Department of the Interior so that they may be leased for petroleum and natural gas exploration, development, and production. After the transfer, the Secretary of Energy will remain responsible for all environmental restoration, waste management, and environmental activities required under federal and state laws. *Staff Contact: Jeff Crank, x5-4422*

**Ms. Eddie Bernice Johnson (TX)** may offer an amendment to require the Secretary of Defense to report to Congress on the feasibility of converting Active Guard Reserve personnel who support the full-time service program for the National Guard and reserves to military technicians. The member points to studies that suggest the transfer will save \$2.62 billion per year. *Staff Contact: Eric Foster, x5-8885*

**Mr. Metcalf** may offer an amendment to express the sense of Congress that the DOD explore all technology and treatment remedies available to aid in the treatment of military personnel who are suffering from unexplainable illnesses as a result of the Persian Gulf War. *Staff Contact: Jeff Markey, x5-2695*

**Mr. Pickett** may offer an amendment to transfers \$10 million to the Navy's Land Attack Standard Missile (LASM), with offsetting cuts of \$5 million from the Air Systems and Weapons Advance Technology program and \$5 million from the Ship Hull Mechanical and Electrical Technology fund. *Staff Contact: Albert Oetken, x5-4215*

**Mr. Pickett** may offer an amendment to prohibit the Defense Secretary from determining the which costs are allowable for employee stock ownership plans under contracts with the Defense Department. The amendment codifies a 1995 Defense regulation that was withdrawn in 1996. *Staff Contact: Albert Oetken, x5-4215*

**Mr. Riley** may offer an amendment to place the director of operational test and evaluation responsible for managing the Operational Field Assessment program, which is a partnership between several defense related agencies that provides the Commander-in-Chief with information to address near-term operational issues such as the surface-to-air missile threat in Bosnia. *Staff Contact: Dan Gans, x5-4365*

**Mr. Saxton** may offer an amendment to replace Title 29 of the bill with compromise text (negotiated between DOD, the Interior Department, and the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies) to authorize \$9 million per year for the next five years for the Sikes Act, which provides

mechanisms for cooperative wildlife management at approximately 900 military installations. The amendment also amends the Sikes Act by replacing existing conservation plans with comprehensive Integrated Natural Resources Management Plans (INRMPs) designed to enhance fish and wildlife conservation. *Staff Contact: Ethan Cooper, x5-4765*

**Mr. Saxton** may offer an amendment to clarify that the Army Secretary may convey approximately 45 acres of land from Fort Dix to Wrightstown and the New Hanover Board of Education in New Jersey. *Staff Contact: Ethan Cooper, x5-4765*

**Mr. Sisisky** may offer an amendment to require the Comptroller General to submit a report to Congress, concerning the military medical facility requirements in the national capital region, which provides suggestions to better coordinate services between the numerous health care agencies. *Staff Contact: Penny Floyd, x5-6365*

**Mr. Skelton** may offer an amendment to require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to Congress describing the deficiencies of DOD anti-terrorism activities and make recommendations for improvements. *Staff Contact: Bill Matter, x5-2876*

**Mr. Skelton** may offer an amendment to authorize the Community College of the Air Force to award associate degrees to members of the Armed Forces. *Staff Contact: Bill Matter, x5-2876*

**Mr. Skelton** may offer an amendment to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to submit to Congress a report on federal international anti-terrorism efforts of the U.S. government which includes a strategy to implement a government-wide expense reporting requirements. The member points to recent information that suggests this is a necessary step to combat international crime. *Staff Contact: Bill Matter, x5-2876*

**Mr. Skelton** may offer an amendment to expand the prohibition on the burial of veterans to include those convicted of crimes involving weapons of mass destruction against federal properties, law enforcement officers, or employees. The amendment was motivated by the recent news that Timothy McVeigh may be buried in Arlington Cemetery despite being convicted in the Oklahoma City bombing. *Staff Contact: Bill Matter, x5-2876*

**Mr. Solomon and Mr. Rohrabacher** may offer an amendment to prohibit DOD funding for the Nunn-Lugar program in Russia if Russia transfers any SS-N-22 missile systems to the People's Republic of China. Currently, Russia has a sale pending on these ballistic missiles and the amendment is designed to prompt Russia to terminate the transfer. A similar amendment passed in the Foreign Relations Act (H.R. 1757). *Staff Contact: Jim Dornan, x5-7985.*

**Mr. Spratt** may offer an amendment to expand the number of people eligible to participate in the Integrated Product Team demonstration project to include support personnel assigned to work with the acquisition workforce. *Staff Contact: Juanita Toatley, x5-5501*

**Mr. Thune** may offer an amendment to authorize the Air Force Secretary to transfer approximately 215 acres from Ellsworth Air Force Base in South Dakota to the Greater Box Elder Economic Development Corporation and to the Douglas School District to be used in compliance with Ellsworth's Air Installation Compatibility Use Zone. While the land surrounding the base has expe-

rienced a great deal of development in recent years, most of that development has been in the “plane crash zone” or a flood plain. The transfer of excess land will allow businesses and homes to relocate from these areas and occupy a safe area of land that has no development plans. **Staff Contact: John Weaver, x5-2801**

**Mr. Traficant** may offer an amendment to direct the Inspector General of the Department of Defense to conduct a random audit of military installations in the U.S. to determine the extent to which U.S. military bases are using base funds to purchase foreign-made goods. Currently, no system for tracking and monitoring the smaller purchases of military installations exists, and the Pentagon has no way to determine the extent to which bases are procuring foreign-made goods. Upon conclusion of the investigation, the DOD Inspector General must report to Congress no by October 1, 1998. DOD was provided an exemption to the Buy America Act, which requires federal agencies to purchase American made products as often as possible. **Staff Contact: Dan Blair, x5-5261**

**Mr. Traficant** may offer an amendment to require DOD to report to Congress on the amount of department purchases from foreign entities in FY 1998, and specify in the report the dollar amount of items for which the Buy America Act was waived. **Staff Contact: Don Blair, x5-5261**

**Mr. Wamp** may offer an amendment to encourage the Army to partner with communities in order to develop portions of Army ammunition sites participating in the Armament and Retooling and Manufacturing Support Initiative (ARMS) program. It will allow communities to lease portions of the land and/or facilities so that they can attract commercial business to the property, and the revenue generated from these leases will be used to modernize, develop, and restore the site. **Staff Contact: Claire McVay, x5-3271**

**Mr. Weldon (PA)** may offer an amendment to require the president to certify whether it is possible to verify that no Russian ICBMs are pointed at America, how long it takes to retarget a missile that has been detargeted, and determine whether a detargeted missile would automatically be retargeted in the event of an accidental launch. **Staff Contact: Nancy Lifset, x5-2011**

**Additional Information:** See *Legislative Digest*, Vol. XXVI, #17, Pt. II, June 16, 1997.




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